



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Bob Morgan, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 17, 2009

SUBJECT: IFYI

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- Economic Stimulus Report
- Update on Police Firing Range
- Continuing Budget Authority
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Strategy Development Process
- Revised Cost Estimates for Two-Thirds Bonds

Economic Stimulus Report

Attached is the 7/16/09 City of Greensboro Economic Stimulus Priorities document for your review.

Update on Police Firing Range

Police Chief Tim Bellamy has communicated with Sheriff Barnes regarding the feasibility of constructing a Police Firing Range on county property where the Guilford County Sheriff Department Firing Range is located. Sheriff Barnes has express no interest in such a co-located facility. Attached is a memo from Police Chief Tim Bellamy detailing the status of these discussions.

Continuing Budget Authority

State government will continue operating without a permanent budget for a while. The House and the Senate have approved a second stopgap spending plan, this one funding state government at 84 percent of the 2008-09 state budget. The second temporary spending plan will keep state agencies operating through July 31 in the absence of a state budget. The House voted for the plan in a 109-9 vote; the Senate voted 46-1. Gov. Beverly Perdue signed the measure shortly after it cleared both chambers.

City staff will continue to update City Council on this issue.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Strategy Development Process

To receive the funds allocated for the City of Greensboro (\$2,544,900), the city must submit a Proposed Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS). An application was submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE) on 6/10/09. This application was for 10% of the City's allocation which can be used for administration of the grant funds over the next three years, the completion of Greensboro's Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Action Plan and technical assistance in the development of the EECS. It is hoped these funds will be available from DOE within 60 days.

Once the submitted application is approved, the City has 120 days to submit a proposed EECS. The strategy is to develop a set of measurable goals and objectives that are comprehensive and community-wide. It is not a list of individual projects and programs. An attached document outlines the strategy development process and associated timeline city staff plans to use.

Revised Cost Estimates for Two-Thirds Bonds

The Environmental Services Department has submitted significantly lower cost estimates, for the closure of Landfill – Phase III and Construction & Demolition Landfill – Phase II, to be filed with the application for bond issue approval by the Local Government Commission. This reduces the proposed two-thirds bond issue from \$10,170,000 to \$7,420,000. The proposed bonds will use the \$7,420,000 of our \$11,360,000 two-thirds bond capacity available in FY 09-10. City Council may consider other projects for this remaining bond capacity. The City Manager will offer some ideas for Council's consideration at the July 28 Council Briefing.

The proposed capital project funding schedule presented to City Council on June 22 noted that we would be asking City Council to take the next steps toward authorizing two-thirds bonds in August. Two-thirds bonds must be issued prior to any other General Obligation debt issues in the same fiscal year.



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DATE: July 16, 2009
TO: Robert (Bob) Morgan, Interim City Manager
FROM: T. R. Bellamy, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: **POLICE FIRING RANGE**


At the recommendation of City Councilwoman Trudy Wade and the concurrence of City Council, I was requested to again explore the feasibility of partnering with the Guilford County Sheriff Department to construct a GPD firing range on county property where the GCSD firing range is located, and explore if land was available for purchasing to build a GPD firing range on said land.

Assistant Chief Gary Hastings, who serves as the departmental liaison with the Guilford County Sheriff Department met several times with officials from the Guilford Sheriff Department regarding this venture. Respectfully, Sheriff Barnes declined the request for a GPD firing range at the sheriff department's firing range.

Sheriff Barnes indicated any discussion of purchasing county owned land should be a conversation between the County Manager and City Manager, because he has no control with county owned property.

I concluded, Sheriff Barnes has no interest in a joint partnership with GPD in constructing or housing a outdoor firing range with the Greensboro Police Department.

Please note that the police department is continuing to investigate other alternatives for an outdoor firing range. One possibility is housing a firing range inside a warehouse type facility that can be retrofitted to replicate an outdoor firing range. This has been accomplished in metropolitan cities where outside land use and space is not available.


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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Strategy Development Process

Background

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Developing the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

Once the application that was submitted on June 10th is approved, the City has 120 days to submit a proposed EECS. The strategy is to develop a set of measurable goals and objectives that are comprehensive and community-wide. It is not a list of individual projects and programs.

The Department of Energy has recommended that units of local government use the following priorities in determining uses for EECBG funds.

- ☐ Leverage other public and private resources.
- ☐ Enhance workforce development.
- ☐ Persist beyond the funding period.
- ☐ Promote energy market transformation such as revolving loans, low-cost loans, energy savings performance contracting, advanced building codes, building and home retrofit incentives and policies, and transportation programs and policies.

Once the EECS is approved, funds must be obligated within 18 months and expended within 36 months.

Process to Develop Greensboro's EECS

With the short timeframe, staff and the Community Sustainability Council will be developing and recommending a strategy based in part on previous public discussions and some additional public meetings as well as assistance from a technical consultant to be retained with EECBG planning funds .

Anticipated Timeline

July

- ☐ 2 public meetings at Main Library (13th at 11:30 and 6:30) to get input on evaluation criteria and priorities for the strategy
- ☐ Focus Group Discussions.

August

- ☐ Development of strategies

September

- ☐ Draft Recommendations Completed
- ☐ Public Review
- ☐ CSC Review & Recommendation

October

- ☐ EECS Complete
- ☐ City Council Adoption & Submission to DOE

January

- ☐ Receive Funding, Begin Implementation